



# PARENT

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# PERSPECTIVES

This edition of our Future Problem Solving Program International (FPSPI) parent newsletter contains a variety of information for YOU, our FPSPI parents! We hope you find the information we've shared both useful and inspiring!

## Meet our new FPSPI staff member!



Allison Williams is an alumna who competed in Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS) from 4th to 12th grade. She has coached and evaluated GIPS since 2016. She became an International Conference (IC) evaluator in 2018, and has since evaluated GIPS at IC and for various affiliates. Allison studied linguistics at the University of Florida with a focus in TESL and language documentation. As the Education Outreach Coordinator, she creates materials that enhance students' understanding of the Six-Step Problem Solving process, including Program Materials and Publications. For IC, she coordinates the sessions and workshops available to attendees. Allison is glad she's able to merge her experience in FPS and education to assist the program!

**THANK YOU** to those parents who responded to our recent parent survey! We have taken your suggestions to heart, and will be publishing this newsletter every other month, and shorter in length. In addition, we will include MORE testimonials and tips for parents!

Watch for upcoming newsletters in the following months:

*December 2022*

*February 2023*

*April 2023*

*June 2023*

*August 2023*

Please continue to share your needs, ideas, and suggestions so that we can ensure this newsletter best serves you, by submitting them to [cyd.rogers@txfsp.org](mailto:cyd.rogers@txfsp.org) or [Frances@fpspi.org](mailto:Frances@fpspi.org).

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!"

~Helen Keller~



## How Can Parents Assist their Future Problem Solving Students?

- Coaches are passionate about FPSPI and are usually very busy people, and would welcome help from parents! Contact your child's coach and ask how you can assist them!
- One really great way to assist is to offer to train as an evaluator. You could train to evaluate Global Issues Problem Solving (GIPS), Community Problem Solving (CmPS), Scenario Writing (SW), or Scenario Performance (ScP)! One need not to be a teacher to evaluate, so choose your area(s) of preference and step up!
- You could help find speakers on the various topics of the year, or help your child research the topic!

### *2022-23 Topics:*

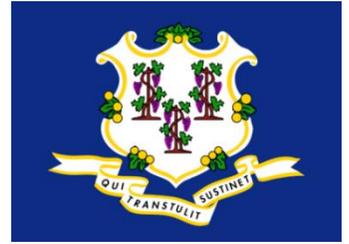
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- You could offer to coordinate a healthy treat schedule for FPS meetings. (You have no idea how appreciated this would be by the students and the coach!)
- How about helping with fund-raising? If the FPS-ers travel to an Affiliate Bowl or International Conference, or need additional resources/materials, extra funds are always needed.
- If you are in a country in which the main language is not English, you could offer to translate the English version of one or more resource or publication into the country's native language.
- If you are familiar with the 6-step creative problem solving process and the coach works with more than one team at a time, you could offer to assist during the training sessions.
- If you like to write, work on a team, or think futuristically, you should consider joining a Future Scene writing team! Teams of interested adults are formed after indicating the topic of interest. Teams brainstorm, research, and write collaboratively. Most people find the writing experience very invigorating and rewarding! Contact April Michele, [april@fpspi.org](mailto:april@fpspi.org), if you are interested in finding out more.
- Become part of the Parents Committee!!! We'd love to have you and welcome your input!



Working with your  
FPS-er can be a  
VERY rewarding  
and educational  
experience!

## Cultural Corner - Connecticut



- Connecticut became a state in 1788, the 5<sup>th</sup> state in the US.
- Connecticut is one of the original 13 colonies.
- Connecticut is located in Southern New England on the east coast of the US.
- Hartford is the capital of Connecticut.
- Connecticut is home to many “firsts” including; the first color television, first hamburger, first phone book, first Polaroid camera, first nuclear-powered submarine, and first helicopter.
- The Scoville Memorial Library in Connecticut is the oldest public library in the United States.
- As recently as 15,000 years ago, Connecticut was covered by a glacier. That may not *sound* recent, but it does make Connecticut’s landscape very young in comparison to the rest of the world.
- Connecticut is called “The Constitution State” because it adopted the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut in 1639. Many consider this to be the United States’ first written constitution.
- The Connecticut FPS Affiliate has a very strong program with a rich history and offers a unique art component. The art component was conceived by the FPSP of CT Board of Directors, to allow students with artistic flair to examine futuristic topics, and create an art project based on their thoughts and feelings after having researched a topic.

